

Minutes .....October 29, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, October 29, 2001, the following members were present:

Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone  
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Chairman Feland was absent but left his proxy with Commissioner Brainard. Vice Chairman Stovall was absent and did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist

(379) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's default supply portfolio, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue the standard protective order. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....October 30, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, October 30, 2001, the following members were present:

Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Chairman Feland was absent but left his proxy with Commissioner Brainard.

APPEARANCE  
Dennis Crawford  
Utility Division

(380) In the matter of the PSC's winter termination rules require regulated utilities to obtain PSC approval before shutting off electric or natural gas service to a nonpaying residential customer from November 1 through April 1. Commissioner policy has been to delegate authority on an annual basis to the PSC compliance staff to approve or disapprove utility requests for winter shutoffs. Staff seeks PSC action on delegation of authority for this winter's shutoff requests; Commissioner Rowe moved to delegate the authority for winter shutoff to Commission staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Brainard cast Commissioner Feland's proxy aye.

(381) In the matter of Blacks Hill Power, Docket No. D2001.10.138; On October 15, 2001, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on October 16, 2001. Requests for hearing were due by October 29, 2001. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$8,867 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the application. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Brainard cast Commissioner Feland's proxy aye.

(382) In the matter of Montana Power Company, Docket No. D2001.10.133; On October 9, 2001, Montana Power Company and Ken Miller of Laurel filed an application requesting a waiver of ARM 38.5.1602, electric master metering in multiple occupancy buildings. Mr. Miller is remodeling an apartment building with six units in Laurel and has filed the required cost information. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the application. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Brainard, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Brainard cast Commissioner Feland's proxy aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

APPEARANCE  
Laura Calkin  
Centralized Services

(383) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of October 22, 2001. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Brainard cast Commissioner Feland's proxy aye.

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APPEARANCE  
Martin Jacobson

(384) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company and Vigilante Electric Cooperative exclusive service agreement in Flint Creek Estates, Docket No. D2001.9.126; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the exclusive service agreement. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Brainard cast Commissioner Feland' s proxy aye.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Ryan Morton

(385) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation' s Section 271 application, checklist item 5 (access to unbundled local transport) and item 6 (access to unbundled switching), Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt and issue the draft preliminary report with one modification referencing the pricing docket. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Brainard cast Commissioner Feland' s proxy aye.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(386) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation' s Section 271 application, SGAT general terms and conditions, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve staff' s recommendations for inclusion in next preliminary report subject to checking on disconnection question. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Brainard cast Commissioner Feland' s proxy aye.

APPEARANCE  
Robin McHugh, David Hoffman, Wayne Budt

(387) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out-of-state travel; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Susan Good' s travel to NARUC in Philadelphia. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Anderson, Brainard and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Brainard cast Commissioner Feland' s proxy aye. Commissioner Stovall dissented.

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